

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Stations B and C 22, 24, on the other hand, belong to VLAN4 because they share SA2 27 with bridge 1 (see Figure 2). This VLAN was created by one of STA B or STA C ~~STA A or STA B~~. Then the other station joined it after being authenticated by the creator. This illustrates a case of joining a personal VLAN (see below). VLAN4 is also represented by a spanning tree with bridge 1 as root.